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Dear Dr. Krutov:

We have received, translated, and made preliminary study of the table shells on higher education in the USSR, which you transmitted with your letter of May 3, and have been looking for the additional tables on the utilization of scientific and engineering/technical personnel in the USSR that we agreed upon at the November 1973 meeting of the US-USSR Joint Group of Experts in Washington. Mr Beckler has told me that when he met with Dr. Sklyarov in late June Dr. Sklyarov said that these additional tables would be mailed very soon after that date.

In addition, we are also looking forward to receiving proposed table shells indicating the information you desire on training and utilization of scientific and engineering/technical personnel in the United States. It would be helpful to have this information in the very near future so we can have an opportunity to study it prior to our proposed meeting in Moscow in September.

In turn, if we receive the table shells concerning utilization of scientific and engineering/technical personnel in the USSR in the near future we can send you our preliminary comments in advance of the proposed meeting.

I understand that present plans call for a meeting of the Joint Group of Experts in Moscow during the week beginning September 23. It is therefore important that we exchange the additional materials as promptly as possible in order that we can review them before the September meeting.

May I also ask that you consider the feasibility of having a few members of the U.S. Subgroup visit several of the Institutes and other organizations that are responsible for collecting and analyzing information on training and utilization of scientific and engineering personnel.

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Mr. Beckler has also made this request in his letter of July 19 to Dr. Sklyarov, suggesting that such visits be arranged during the week of September 16, prior to the joint meeting. I believe that such visits would be helpful in promoting understanding of the problems and methods of collecting and analyzing the types of data in which we are all interested.

Regarding your suggestion that a specialist from Moscow State University visit the United States for a three or four month period of study, we are, of course, in favor. However, I believe that such a visit would be most valuable during the period of the formal studies of each country, when data are actually being compiled in accordance with the agreements that we expect to reach at the September meeting. I hope that the U.S. will be able to participate in a similar way by a visit of a US expert to the USSR. I suggest we discuss these plans more fully at our September meeting.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Mikulinsky, and to both you and him it brings my personal greetings and wishes for a productive conference when we meet in September.

Very sincerely,

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